



MEDIA RELEASE

Public Service Announcement *Now Is The Time To Prepare!*

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With the upcoming rain predicted by the National Weather Service, the Santa Barbara City's Office of Emergency Services would like to remind residents that, "Now is the time to think about getting sandbags, not during the rain event". Although the rain predicted is minimal, the City's Office of Emergency Services is encouraging residents to take this time to purchase sandbags from places like Bedrock, Orchard, Goleta Building, or Home Depot. You will need to check with the vendors on whether they provide sand or where it can be purchased.

Note, Santa Barbara City does not provide sandbags or sand unless the National Weather Service declares a Flash Flood Watch for our area. Please note, the City has a 20 bag limit and you will need to bring shovels to fill your bags. To review the City's Sandbag Policy go to

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/Resident/Home/Sandbags/Sand_Bag_Policy.htm

Again, the City's Office of Emergency Services encourages all residents to take the time plan ahead and prepare for any type of disaster.

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